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1. THIS MISSION HAS ENCOUNTERED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN ATTEMPTING TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONVEYED IN REFTEL.
MICHEL KAFANDO, THE ONLY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO IS
KNOWLEDGEABLE IN LOS MATTERS, DOES NOT SPEAK NOR READ ENGLISH.
IN ORDER FOR OUR DEMARCHE TO HAVE ANY MEANING AT ALL, WE
MUST LEAVE WITH HIM AN AIDE-MEMOIRE IN FRENCH. UNFORTUNATELY,
WE DO NOT HAVE THE FACILITIES FOR TRANSLATING THE TYPE OF
LENGTHY AND COMPLEX DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD SATISFACTORILY PRESENT
THE U.S. POSITION ON THE LOS CONFERENCE.

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2. ALL WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN SO FAR IS THAT KAFANDO

IS AWARE OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN 1976, AND THAT UPPER VOLTA'S INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE IS LARGELY LIMITED TO THE RIGHTS OF LANDLOCKED STATES. KAFANDO HIMSELF WILL NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. UPPER VOLTA WILL BE REPRESENTED BY DEMBON BAMBA, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE VOLTAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE U.N.

3. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER, WE WILL NEED AIDE-MEMOIRE IN FRENCH SUMMARIZING U.S. POSITION WHICH COULD BE LEFT EITHER WITH KAFANDO HERE OR WITH BAMBA IN NEW YORK.
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